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## **"Life Behind the Cones and Barrels"** ***How Roadway Workers Keep America Moving***

### ***"Why a Work Zone?" Quiz***

Work zones play an vital role in keeping America moving. They may be needed for a variety of reasons, including:

- the maintenance and construction of America's roadways, regarded as among the best in the world;
- safety improvements to existing roadways, to save lives and reduce injuries among drivers and to reduce wear and tear on vehicles; and
- maintenance and installation of utility services that run along roadways, including electricity, natural gas, and telephone service.

### **Assignment:**

Locate and report to the class on at least one example of the three roadway work zones described above.

Location of work zone:

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Purpose of work zone:

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How did you determine the purpose of the work zone?

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How many workers were required for the job you observed? \_\_\_\_\_

Can you identify the roles of the various workers you observed?

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What sorts of signs and devices were used to manage traffic around the work zone?

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How did drivers behave in the work zone? Did they respond to the signs and follow posted speed limits?

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Imagine yourself or someone you love as a roadway worker. Are you satisfied with the level of protection from the surrounding traffic demonstrated in the work zone you observed? Do you feel that drivers demonstrated concern for worker safety or respect for the work being done? Explain.

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